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Fashions

Straight Lines Re-appear in Box Coat

Pleasing Variety in Sleeves with indications of Return to Exaggerated Size--When Does a Cuff Become a Sleeve?

New York, November 1, 1915. The wealth of artistic and smart ideas in afternoon and street frocks this season, while fascinating, is somewhat bewildering, too. Of course the chief features are the same, this is out of respect to Fashion's dictates, but there are any number of ways that one may vary these details effectively to meet the demands of one's own personality. Fashion shows are becoming as popular with women in general as any smart social event. The dainty mannequins wear the clothes as if to "The Manor Born" and perhaps a bit more gracefully.

THE POPULARITY OF THE BOX COAT

Since the first showing of fall and winter fashions there has been much discussion as to whether the regulation tailored suit with normal waistline, snugly fitted, would dominate at first it seemed as if it would, but since then there has been a decided change toward the looser, belted models, unbelted coats with a half suggestion of waistline, or stranger still, no waist at all, a return in short to the box coat.

These box models are now very smart indeed; they appear in tailor-made suits, separate coats and fur coats. Most of the fur coats, in fact, show the box back, even if the front of the coat is belted.

The effect of these unfitted coats is a bit more youthful than the fitted lines, which demand beauty and grace of figure. The French woman appreciates the line that is most becoming to her figure, and in most instances this is the straight line.

Among the new frocks and suits there are, too, boleros and Etons that are really quite charming. These also are becoming to the average figure.

One seen at a recent fashion show was of gold lace, combined with black charmeuse; it was on an afternoon frock, and was simple to a degree, but unusually attractive. Another of dark blue serge was made with square cut yoke, back and front, to which the lower portion of the Eton was gathered, forming a soft, full line across the bust, being drawn snugly in at the waist, where it was stitched to a two-inch belt of the serge. The skirt also showed the yoke and was embroidered with chain-stitch design worked out in silver threads at the joining of yoke and lower portion of the skirt. The skirt. The same embroidery was carried out on the jacket, on collar, fronts and belt.

THE NECESSARY TOUCH OF FUR

One in-talking of fashions must speak again and again of fur it is so absolutely necessary to gown and suit that every imaginable animal



The Modish Box Coat that has a furry pelt, is being utilized, and the furriers are reaping

wonderful harvests. Among the most popular furs for trimming purposes are beaver, seal and krimmer. The dark blue serge is smartened with a touch of natural gray krimmer, and the satin finished broadcloth is enriched by narrow and wide bands of seal or beaver.

INTERESTING SKIRT LENGTHS

We have become accustomed to the short street suit and frock; when no, carried to the extreme, it is far more satisfactory than a long skirt, especially with the vogue of the very wide skirt. We have become used also to the round length evening frock for dancing, and approve of its comfortable common sense but the formal dinner frock with its slinky, pointed train, and its extremely short front is somewhat disconcerting. One unusually striking model exhibited lately, developed in a wonderful brocade of Biechin's, was made with one of these extremely short skirts and a long, pointed, train; although rich and wonderful, the gown was startling and decidedly bizarre in effect. Much of the grace of the gown is sacrificed with these skirts.

A VARIETY IN SLEEVES

There is wide choice in style of sleeve for both house and street costume. The later models show a pronounced use of the sleeve set into the armhole with gathers. At present the vogue is for the moderately large sleeve, with a slight exaggeration of fullness at the elbow and



A Kriamer Trimmed Serge

over the hand. The flare is decidedly modish and there is almost no limit to the width of the flare. Slashings, trimmings, contrasting godets, and panels, are details of the new cuffs; and the cuff may be of any length, from the very narrow band cuff to the gauntlet which reaches to the elbow and even above, leaving one to wonder when the cuff begins and the sleeve ends. Do these cuffs and gatherings predict, perhaps, a return to the big sleeves with their inside ruffles and bandings of crinoline which made life so interesting some years ago?

MOONLIGHT SCHOOLS

One Has Already Started in Roanoke Rapids Township; Another to Start in Heathsville Next Week

Superintendent of Public Instruction Akers informs the Commonwealth that one Moonlight School has already started, in Roanoke Rapids Township, taught by Miss Ruth Davis, and that another will begin next week in Heathsville Township, to be taught by Miss Marie Moss. All the other Schools in the County will be opened by the 15th., if possible and run for four weeks.

The Commonwealth will publish the first few lessons in next week's paper for the benefit of those attending.

Everyone should interest themselves and make these schools count for the most. Hearty co-operation with the teachers who have volunteered to teach will be highly appreciated by the Superintendent.

There will be a meeting of the School Committeemen, teachers and editors of all the county papers in Halifax on the 11th.

Letters

The Happenings in Nearby Towns

Events of the Week Briefly Told by Our Correspondents Which Will Interest Many; Read What Our Writers Have to Say.

From Oak City

Misses Lizzie and Annie Mae Hassell, Ernest and Norman Hassell spent Monday in Tarboro.

Miss Margaret Everett and her brother, Mr. Faun Everett attended the Halloween exercises at the High school Friday night.

H. S. Everett and wife spent Sunday in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer E. Hines were hosts on Wednesday evening at their home when they entertained very delightfully at a birthday party given in honor of Mrs. Hines. The dining room (where an elaborate lunch course was served) was attractively arranged with potted plants and autumn leaves. Little Miss Leola Hines and Master Livingston Harrell received the guests in the reception hall which was a perfect bower of ferns, chrysanthemums, autumn leaves etc. Miss Lila Philpot served the punch. Games and contests were the order of the evening. Miss Katherine Philpot won the prize given for the advertisement contest. Those enjoying Mrs. Hines' hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Allsbrook, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crisp, Misses Lizzie and Annie Mae Harrell, Mary, Emily and Alta Hines, Clarence Beverly, Reba Harrell, Jennie Reid, Miss McLean and Miss Lambeth, Messrs. Moore, Wilmer House, Jane Council, Hugh Hyman Ernest and Norman Harrell, Marion Burnette, Billie Savage and Whalen Casper.

Miss Martha Council, Miss Jones and the Misses Edmondson of Hamilton were in town Sunday with Mr. Pat Davenport.

Misses Pauline Beverly, Beatrice Daniels and Clyde Jordan spent the week-end in Bethel.

Honor Roll of Primary Department for Eighth Week

First Grade.—Gladys Everett, Margaret Hines, Sarah Long Johnson, Leola Hines, Myrtelia Hyman, Ruby Hurst, Pauline Davenport, Mildred Davenport, Hazel Piland Ethel Bunting, Davis Rawls, Erna Johnson, Willie Johnson, Mamie Lee Turner, Rupert Rawls, Ernest Etheridge.

Third Grade.—Margaret Fleming, Christine Piland, Litton Hurst.

Fifth Grade.—Selma Johnson, Louis Brown, Wheeler Daniel, Paul Turner, Blanche Bunting, Elizabeth Moore, Herman Piland.

Sixth Grade.—Edmond Early, Dare Daniel, Pauline Beverly Norman Harrell, Alta Hines, Gladys Johnson, Bertha Piland, Pauline Johnson.

Seventh Grade.—Marvin Everett, Edgar Turner, Mary Hines.

Lost Two Fingers

Tom Richardson, a young colored boy living on the farm of Mr. Norfleet Smith on Roanoke River, happened to a very painful injury Sunday morning. He was driving a cart along the road with the line wrapped around his hand, when the line became entangled around the hub. Before the boy could stop the mule, the rope had been drawn to the hub, with the hand still holding to the rope. The result was that two fingers were broken and badly lacerated. He was brought to Dr. Morgan, who removed them at the most convenient joint. Tom stood the operation very well.

To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. R. A. Willis, Presiding Elder of the Warrenton District, will preach at the Methodist Church here next Sunday morning. The quarterly conference of the Scotland Neck charge will be held on Tuesday the 9th, inst.

Chapel Hill Letter

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 1.—Rally Day at Chapel Hill was a great success. Over 1000 persons from all parts of Orange county flocked into town early in the morning, bringing with them exhibits of all kinds and descriptions. The residents of Chapel Hill and the University faculty and student body united in giving the visitors a rousing welcome.

The size of the crowd, the number and variety of the exhibits and the exhibits and the interest shown by the country people in the exhibition these, in the opinion of the promoter of the Rally Day plan, Prof. M. C. S. Noble, were the significant features of the day. But the day was also significant in another way it marked the abandonment of an old custom. Hitherto, the Memorial Hall has been opened to the public but twice a year—on University Day and commencement. Today it was used as a place to exhibit Orange county products. And these products included not only farm products, such as corn on the ear, potatoes, fruit, and the like, but it also included samples of fancy cooking, fancy needle work, school exhibits, and antique pieces of crockery, metal and wood.

The Rally Day exercises were opened by an automobile parade, the machines for the occasion being furnished by the citizens of Chapel Hill. This was followed by an entertainment given by several University students. At 12 o'clock dinner was served on the greens below the chapel. The farmers' wives produced great, heaping baskets of chicken, sandwiches, cakes, pies, and tarts; and the ladies of the town also contributed to this supply.

After dinner moving pictures were shown free of charge. These pictures dealt largely with the various aspects of rural life and were furnished by the Department of Agriculture. At 2:20 p. m., prizes were presented to the winners in the exhibit contest. Following this was a singing contest by the various rural Sunday schools. The day closed with a series of athletic contests.

Rosemary Cleanings

Dr. F. M. Rains, Senior Secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society with headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a man who has traversed the globe three times visiting the mission fields of all the earth spoke for the Christian Church last Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Etta Nunn, corresponding secretary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions for North Carolina spoke in the afternoon at two o'clock, also on Saturday afternoon and night.

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Nov. 7th., 1915. The Red Men of Roanoke Tribe number 39 have a special service conducted for them by Rev. R. L. Topping, pastor of the Christian Church. The tribe will break camp at Roanoke Rapids at 10:40 and march along the avenue, two and two, until they reach Rosemary Opera House. The camp has ninety members and it is hoped to have everyone present. They will enter in a body and occupy the front seats. The public is welcome and urged to attend.

The "Red and Blue" contest in the Christian Sunday School is creating interest. Two hundred and thirty were present last Sunday. They hope to have five hundred present by the first Sunday in January at which time there will be a "Rally Day" service.

Hamilton Items.

Gladstone Anthony of Hobgood, was in town Sunday to see his grandmother who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Haislip and Miss Martha Council attended the fair in Tarboro Wednesday.

Miss Selia Pippen left Monday for Tarboro where she will visit relatives.

P. H. Davenport with Misses Kellen Edmondson, Maggie Belle Jones, Lillie and Ruth Floyd spent a few hours in Williamston Wednesday.

Titus Critcher, Marion Britt and Misses Mary Louise Carstarphen and Ruth Britt spent a few hours here Saturday. Mrs. James G. Staton and Miss Hazel Bethea attended services here Sunday night.

N. W. Worsley spent Tuesday in Bethel on business.

Dr. B. L. Long has returned from Baltimore and New York. Miss Irene Smith of Williamston spent a few hours here Sunday.

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Death at Dawsons
Last Wednesday night, Oct. 27th, 1915 the death angel visited our community and despite the prayers, tears and anxious hearts took from our midst one of our little loved ones. Little Caroline Virginia Barnhill was eight years of age, and was a joy in her home.

Dying her illness she has tenderly nursed by loved ones and an experienced physician who did all that could be done. God's will must be done, but He never sends us trials except through love. The remains were interred in the family burying grounds near Dawsons, Rev. G. H. Johnson conducted the service.

Dear little girl thou hast said good-night to us:
Gone to sleep from all thy pain,
And thy soul is sweetly resting
In the blessed heavenly home.

To be resigned we are faithfully trying,
For we know God's will is best
And we hope to meet thee dear loved ones
When our Saviour calls us home.

Dear little ones our hearts are aching,
For thy face we miss so much,
But we would not call thee back here
To this world of sorrow and pain.

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